

King County 4-H

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Agents Corner



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Super Saturday

I want to thank all of you that participated in Super Saturday on October 31. Special recognition goes out to the volunteers and staff that helped plan and conduct this major event that is a critical component of the 4-H program. We always want to hear your suggestions for making Super Saturday better. Please share your ideas with us. Our staff and the volunteers that helped facilitate these training opportunities welcome the input.

King County Council Districts

Many of you are aware of the November 2nd elections and the vote to reduce the King County Council Districts from 13 to 9. Until further notice, 4-H will continue to use the current 13 King County Council Districts for reporting purposes. We will align our 4-H program to the new structure after the county adopts a plan that sets the boundaries for the soon to be created 9 King County Council Districts. We will notify you when these above actions have been finalized.

4-H Report to King County Council and the Executive

Our first 4-H report is now being compiled and reviewed. It will be presented to the county during the month of November. The report will provide a composite of the total volunteer hours and community service hours contributed back to the county. In addition, each King County Council member will be provided a total of the hours contributed to his or her respective council district. 4-H will continue to provide semi-annual reports to the county after this initial report. It is important for each club to continue to log in their hours via the 4-H web page <http://www.kingcounty4h.org/> or by hard copy for future reporting.

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New Financial Guidelines Now in Effect



Carey Roos

Pertains to all 4-H Clubs, Projects, and the 4-H Association

1. The Financial Matters class is required for all General Club Leaders, Project Treasurers, Association Treasurers and is recommended for youth planning to be a Club Treasurer. It will be available at Super Saturday (next one is March 5th) and on the dates listed below.
2. The Annual Financial Summary Report and Peer Review will be done in the Fall of 2005 and the Summary Report will be turned into the County office by January 31, 2006. It is strongly recommended that all clubs make a dry run with the Summary and Peer Review on a club basis now by January 31, 2005. This will provide valuable information as to the changes that your club may need to make in the way handle your club treasury.
3. Financial Matters class will also be offered on the following dates:

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| Thursday, Dec 9, 2004 | All Classes will start at 6:30 at the WSU Extension office. RSVP to Carey Roos at 206-205-3152 or mailto:Carey.Roos@metrokc.gov |
| Thursday, Jan 6, 2005 | |
| Thursday, Feb 3, 2005 | |
| Thursday, April 7, 2005 | |

4. Here are some resources to get more information and to get the curriculum pieces that you need:
 - a. The New Treasurers Book (for Members) C0231
<http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/c0231/c0231.pdf>
 - b. The new Leaders Guide to the Treasurers Handbook has good guidelines and suggestions for completing the Summary
<http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/c1059/c1059.pdf>
5. The Financial Champions is a great curriculum for basic money management by our 4-H Members and can be ordered through the WSU Publications office. They can be found on Page 22 of the 4-H Publications and Projects Catalog (EM2778
<http://4h.wsu.edu/Publications/em2778.htm>) The specific link to the Financial Champions Project is <http://4h.wsu.edu/Publications/EM2778/famliv05.pdf>)

Cell phones

We have collected 68 CELLPHONES! Our goal is at least 100. Keep 'em coming!!!



Public Presentations – New Path to State Fair



- 1 - Club Level Presentations — All presenters are eligible to go on to.....
- 2 - County Level Presentations — We no longer have District (Area) presentations
Presenters must — present at two or more County level opportunities and
— receive a blue ribbon for at least one presentation.

We hope to have 8-10 opportunities for County Presentations at events the 4-H members will already be attending— watch King4H emails and Newsletters for more information.

Why did the State qualifying path change??

- o -A lack of enough opportunities for District level presentations was not allowing many youth the opportunity to present at County level and attempt to qualify for State.
- o -The practice of 3 presentations before going to State was determined to be valuable, hence the requirement of at least two presentations at County level.
- o -The youth can now present 3 or 4 times at County level to try for a blue ribbon, whereas they used to only have one opportunity. The idea is to “Make the Best Better”.
- o -It is hoped that by providing County level presentation opportunities at activities the youth would already be involved in would make it easier for them to participate.



Important Upcoming Dates

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| Nov 18 | Project Night All Projects | Extension Office 7:00 |
| Dec 1 | Association Meeting | 7:00 Extension Office |
| Jan 2005 | No Association Meeting | |
| Jan 22 or 23, 2005 | County Level KYG Training | Extension Office 8 A.M to 8 P.M. |
| Feb 12-14, 2005 | Know Your Government State Conference | |
| Mar 5, 2005 | Super Saturday | |
| July 20-24, 2005 | King County Fair | |

Spinning Project Meeting

Spinning Project Meeting - Thursday, November 18 from 6:30-8:30
Cougar Room – Extension Office

For 4-H members, parents and leaders interested in spinning, dyeing wool, and other fiber related activities (such as knitting or weaving). Newcomers welcome-no spinning experience needed. Learn how to spin on a drop spindle that will be provided. Or if you already have a wheel or drop spindle, bring it to work on. What would you like to learn this year? What is the best night to meet? Spinning is a project rather than a club and participants are from a variety of 4H clubs. For more information, contact Genie Charvet 253 520 5924.

4-H State Know Your Government Conference 2005



WHAT **4-H State Know Your Government Conference 2005**
The Judicial System and Mock Trials

At the Conference, delegates will role-play being an attorney, jury member, witness or court reporter.

WHEN State Conference – Saturday through Monday February 12-14, 2005

WHERE Red Lion Hotel in Olympia

WHY Have fun, make new friends, meet your legislators, learn what it is like to be part of a trial.

WHO Teens in 9th - 12th grades Minimum age is 14. Bring a friend!
They don't have to already be in 4-H - KYG is a 4-H Club.

HOW 1) Attend **12 hours** of County level training - **REQUIRED** for all delegates and chaperones
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on either January 22 (Sat) or January 23 (Sun) PLEASE be on time Must attend ENTIRE 12 hour session in the Cougar Room at the Extension Office. Bring a lunch (going out to get something won't be an option) - Dinner will be provided. Taught by King County KYG Coordinator, Dianne Heath

2) Because of State 4-H KYG deadlines.....
Application packet and fees DEADLINE IS JAN 15, 2004
Return to Dianne Heath or Extension Office
If returned to Extension Office, call or e-mail Dianne so she can watch for it
Call or e-mail Dianne to receive a packet or with questions
253-639-1782 mailto:lighthousedh@comcast.net

COST Conference Registration \$95
 2 nights in hotel with 4 in a room \$55
 \$ for dinner in a restaurant How hungry are you?
 Some scholarship money is available



2005 WESTERN REGIONAL LEADERS' FORUM

February 23-27 in Sacramento, CA.
Early Bird Registration is \$265

Must be postmarked by 12-03-04! More information and registration forms are at <http://wrlf2005.org/>

Several staff and leaders from Washington will be presenting workshops.



Harry Burcalow Endowment

4-H Foundation now accepting grant applications for the Harry Burcalow Endowment for Innovative Grants*

The goal of this granting opportunity is to fund worthy 4-H youth development programs or projects. The emphasis will be on short-term needs such as new innovative programs, seed money, emergency or unanticipated shortfalls. Suggestions for such programs could be focused on (but not limited to): education of youth and adults, expanding 4-H experiential learning to youth and adults, and promoting diversity.

Applications must be received by the 4-H Foundation no later than December 1. Funds will be distributed on or around January 1. Grant awards are usually between \$100 and \$1,000.

For all the details and to download a copy of the grant application, please visit the 4-H Foundation website at: <http://4-h.wsu.edu/foundation/grants.html>

* **Note:** The King County QuiltAthon Project was funded by the Burcalow Endowment for Innovative Grants program. Kaylin Tennison (Youth Member) wrote a grant and received it.



HOSTING OPPORTUNITY FOR 4-H FAMILIES



4-H is offering a hosting experience to Washington 4-H families for 3 or 4 young women from Uganda sometime between the months of January and June 2005. The students will come with medical/accidental insurance and a support system to monitor their arrival and departure details.

Our hope is that the girls would be able to work with technology--in possibly the following ways; having access to a computer, learn some basic computer skills, maybe lead into learning how to set up a website, learning how to assemble a computer and the networking involved in setup a lab. Even, if very limited, work with a computerized embroidery machines.

Host Families **share a willingness to open their homes & hearts **may live on small-town farms or city apartments **have a variety of interests **come from different economic backgrounds **host just one student. Enthusiasm is the main qualification. Be willing to make room in your life for a new family member. Learning about her culture and customs will make your experience even more meaningful...the girls all speak beautiful English!

Please contact Carol Beckman, Program Coordinator at the WA 4-H office in Puyallup for more details. <mailto:beckmanc@wsu.edu> (253) 445-4623.



4HUSA.ORG LAUNCHES WEBSITE

4HUSA.ORG—our interactive community for, by and about the youth of 4-H—re-launched today. Check it out at <http://www.4husa.org>

Read the Clover Corner Extra on the launch of 4-HUSA.ORG at <http://www.4husablogs.org/CCN/>

Clover Courier is sent via the KING4H list serve each month. Archived copies of previous Months "Clover Courier" are available on the King County 4-H web site:
<<http://www.metrokc.gov/ws-cce/4-H/> >.

Please send submissions by the first Wednesday of each month to Wayne Heath, care of King County 4-H Office, or <mailto:wheath4@comcast.net>

